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**A**N Advertisement having issued forth, *Monday* the 21<sup>st</sup> of this Instant, *June*, on the Part of Mr. C., in Answer to one, suppos'd to be publish'd by Mr. *Al.* the Thursday before, it has prov'd necessary to make some Reply to the many *Untruths* and *Impositions* comprehended in such Advertisement. The Writer is here oblig'd to have Respect to some trifling Conversation, that pass'd between Mr. C. and Mr. *F k*, in *S* *'s-G* *n*, it being introductive to that unhappy Quarrel, between Mr. C. and Mr. *Al.* The very Words, the Meaning, and the Application of such Conversation, having been wrested and turn'd to Mr. *A* 's Reproach, in Mr. C.'s Advertisement, wherein Mr. *A-n* is charg'd with DRUNKENNESS and IMMORALITY.

Mr. C. having boasted of his Intention, to go to the Country and make himself popular, by his Oratory, Messrs. *F--k* and *Al.* being join'd in the *Green* by Mr. C. and his Company, Mr. *F---k* ask'd Mr. C.; "Had he drank Tea that After-noon?" He answer'd, "To be sure he had;" to which Mr. *F---k* said, If he expected to make himself popular in the Country, he must change his Liquor into *Claret*, which was all the Foundation, *Scandalous, imputed Charge*, against Mr. *AL*



of ridiculing Mr. C.'s Sobriety: But the Cause  
Mr. C.'s Quarrelling with Mr. *Al.*, for Brevity  
e, is referr'd to the annex'd Certificate, of Mr.  
-k, so that the whole Insinuations of that spu-  
us Advertisement are thereby demonstrably ex-  
s'd.

It may here be observ'd, as Mr. *Al.* had sent a  
ntleman next Day to expostulate with Mr. C.,  
out his very extraordinary Treatment, no doubt,  
one careful and cautious, of incurring any Dan-  
to his Person, as Mr. C. by his bashful Beha-  
ur, has been, was upon his Guard, expectant  
some Call, knowing how he had behav'd to-  
rds Mr. *Al.*; and that therefore the *Brandy-shops*,  
Places of Resort of his Father's Servants,  
e watchful in favour of Mr. C.---Mr. *Al.*  
too much Honour, and Respect, for so polite  
body of young Gentlemen as are brought up in  
University, to go willingly, into any Imputa-  
of them; but 'twas evident, he narrowly  
up'd very hard Measures in the *Green*, at the  
ne he assaulted Mr. *Al.*, which, very justly  
le Mr. *Al.* cautious of going next Night, to the  
en, lest he might there meet Twenty instead of  
e.

Mr. *Al.* is farther charg'd with behaving Treas-  
rouly, towards Mr. C., by publishing the Ad-  
isement, suppos'd to be done by him, which  
ught on so false and imposing an Answer: To  
ch, Mr. *Al.* replies, that neither his own Rea-  
nor any of his Friends, have at all condemn'd  
, for appealing to the Public: 'Twas in their  
ence he was insulted, and he had so much at  
urt, the favourable Opinion and Goodwill of  
nkind, that he was willing to approve himself to  
ry Body, that he did, what was proper,



At the same Time, 'tis great Concern to Mr. *Al.*, that he, who is but newly come into Life, has been forc'd to publish himself in Print, to Rescue him, from that Imputation, that is now become odious to the World, that of a SCOUNDREL and COWARD.

*Note, ---* The Affray in the *G---n*, happen'd on *Wednesday* the 16th Instant: Mr. *C.* acknowledges the Message to him, was the next Day, which *he* having *declin'd*, short printed Notices, to the Public, were distributed, on the same *Thursday*, and also the *Friday* and *Saturday* following: The Publication was generally known, on *Thursday*: Two certain Persons, *ONF.*, a Gentleman of Honour and Figure, went to the young *Sq--'s* Father, the *Friday* following, and ask'd, "What the Devil was the meaning of that Advertisement?" Another Person sent the very Advertisement to the Father; and yet the vaunting young Gentleman, who had Opportunity enough to chastise his pretended Offender, if he had SPIRIT to risque the Danger of it, pretended he had not timely Notice of the Advertisement.

Half so good Notice, of a Process issuing, out of any Court of Judicature, wou'd be deem'd good Notice, even at COMMON-LAW; But the young *Sq--e*, chose to be clad in Safety: He paraded, indeed, in the *G---n*, with a Party, but the rest of his Time, he took Refuge, like an *Owl in an Ivy-Bush*, 'till the Night came on, and on *Saturday* in the Forenoon, accordinly, Care was had to have a Chief Magistrate's Protection, that neither Fire, nor Sword, should dis-figure his COMELY FACE.

Mr. *Al.* was also bound-over the *Monday* morning following, at the very Time, that Mr.

*C.'s*

Publication was dispers'd abroad ; so that there be no Imputation to the Friends of *Mr. C.* for having a due Concern, to keep him out of Danger from his Enemies.

*Mr. Al.* is very sorry, *Mr. C.* has Cancel'd the obligations, he was very willing to lye under to for the Hospitality of his House.

It follows *Mr. F---*'s True, Genuine Certificate, properly Attested.

A very near Alliance, between *Mr. F----*k, and *Mr. C.* add the Reasons Assign'd in this Certificate, will account for their having extorted from this Gentleman, what was before had from him, in a former Certificate.

**V**HEREAS by an Advertisement, Publish'd the 21st of *June*, Inst. in Relation to the Dispute between *Mr. James Al.* and *Mr. C.* there is a Certificate at the Bottom thereof, signed by *Rd. F----*k, importing, that the said Advertisement, and all the Particulars thereof, were fairly and impartially set forth, and that he, the said *F--k*, was privy thereto.

NOW I the said *Rd. F--k*, in Justice to my Character, and in Justice to the Character of the said *Mr. Al.*, think I am bound to let the Public know how unwarily and incautiously I was led into the Signing said Certificate; which I now I Signed, and for which I sincerely beg Pardon of him the said *Mr. Al.*... The Reasons for doing which are as follow. That as the Management of my affairs with my Father *F. Esq*; was at that time solely depending in the power of *Sir Rd. C. Baronet*, who

who is my Cousin Germain ; he, the said Sir *R--d* C. by great Eloquence, and artful Persuasion, prevailed upon me to Sign the same, at the same time repeatedly assuring me, that the same should never appear in Print, and that he only wanted the same to shew a few Friends, in order, in some measure, as he sayed, to support the Character of his Son, which was then so highly attacked ; saying also, by my Signing this, the Character of my Family must either rise or fall in the opinion of the World ; and I do hereby further declare, that in my opinion *Mr. Al.* did not by any means deserve Treatment he receiv'd from *Mr. Rd. C.* at *S--s G-n* on the 16th Inst. and do averr, that that he the said *M. Al.* did not give or pursue the said *Mr. C.* by loud, unprovok'd gross Abuse, as in the Advertisement of the 21st Inst. is safely misrepresented ; and for further Satisfaction to the Publick, I herein, Word for Word, to the best of my Recollection, have set forth the Cause of Dispute.

*Mr. Al.* and I Dined together in Town, and went about Eight o'Clock chearfully to the *Green*, and there were joined by *Mr. Rd. C.* and a young Gentleman unknown to us both, upon which, in a little Time, I asked *Mr. C.*, " whether he drank his Tea that Afternoon ? " he replyed, " To be sure I did." The Reason of my asking him the Question was, his constant Discourse before of his Intentions on his going into the Country to create an Interest by Popularity. I then told him I did not look upon it that so general a thing could be effected merely in drinking of Tea, and that he must now and then lay himself out for enjoying his Friends very chearfully. I will to be sure says he, but it must be in moderation, I will take another Course. I will win them to me by the dint of my Philo-



Philosophy, upon which I proposed a certain young Lady of Family and Fortune, no way related to either of the Parties, as a match for mr. C., and that a young Gentleman married to said Lady's eldest Sister would join him in the Afternoon's in drinking Tea, and would be very good Company for one another, to which mr. C. reply'd, Ay : " But that Gentleman and I are not upon a *Level*." --How, pray, mr. C., can you reconcile that Point, said mr. *Al.* ? said Gentleman having been a Cousin German of said mr. *J--s Al.*'s ---- I think 'tis mighty plain, says mr. C. --- mr. *Al.* said, he cou'dn't at all see how ; --- mr. C. insisted it was. mr. *Al.* insisted strenuously on the contrary ; on which mr. C. told mr. *Al.*, if you tell me so again, I'll give you share of this pointing to a *large Stick* in his Hand : mr. *Al.* reply'd, I believe you dare not attempt it ; on which mr. C. bounced back, and struck mr. *Al.* who was totally defenceless, very severely with his Stick several Times, on which I clos'd mr. C., and on mr. *Al.* attempting to come in upon him, we were surrounded by a large Body, one of which came to us, and told us, for very good Reasons, we had better make off as fast as in our Power ; which we in pursuance thereof, did. --- This is the very authentic Account that my memory supports me in, respecting this Affair, and in no other Light whatsoever. --- The melancholly Dilemma's I labour'd under as to my family Affairs. The repeated Assurances of S. *Rd.* C. that what I put my Name to should never be in the least made public, and a Desire to make up a Breach, at least in the Family, between an enrag'd Father, and a dastardly Son, I declare to have been the sole motives which prompted me to

do what I am sorry for, for fear of the least Reflection on my Friend; and I hope what I have set forth will a good deal induce the Public to think favourably of me; (my Embarrassments taken into proper Consideration,) and I submit to every Gentleman if it be not very severe, that the Vindication of the Character of the Person concerned should be thrown upon my Shoulders who was not in the least concerned, (He not having Honour enough to support himself,) And that I should be considered in the Eye of the Law as a Party aggressing, as by what happen'd Yesterday plainly appears. All the foregoing, I hereby do, and will ever avow, and no other. Given under my Hand this 22d Day June 1756.

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Being Present at Signing the above.

*W. G-l-d.*

*Jr. L...d...r.*

\*\*\* The original Certificate, sign'd by *R. F...k*, may be seen in the Hands of *W. G-l-d.* Attorney, at his Office in *B. Lane.*

